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PSC Commissioner Randy Mitchell Appointed to USAC Board

WASHINGTON – Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski announced the appointment of Commissioner Randy Mitchell of South Carolina to fill the state commission seat on the Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) Board of Directors.

USAC, a private, non-profit corporation, is responsible for operating the federal Universal Service Fund. The fund provides every state and territory in the United States with access to affordable telecommunications services. Areas of the country that are expensive to serve, including rural areas and low-income neighborhoods, as well as rural health care providers, public and private schools, and public libraries, are eligible to seek support from the Universal Service Fund. The USAC Board of Directors oversees the administration of the fund.

Commissioner Mitchell is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). NARUC President Tony Clark said of the appointment, "The board provides crucial oversight of how USAC administers the Universal Service Fund. Commissioner Mitchell brings strong qualifications and will work hard for the board, the federal regulators, and the citizens who benefit from this service."

Commissioner Mitchell was elected to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina in 1998 and represents District 3. Within NARUC, Commissioner Mitchell is active on the Committee on Telecommunications, the Committee on Critical Infrastructure, and the 706 Access Study Committee.

NARUC is a non-profit organization founded in 1889 to represent the interests of state public utility commissions before the three branches of the Federal government. Its members regulate essential utility services, including energy, telecommunications, and water, and are responsible for assuring reliable utility service at fair, just, and reasonable rates.

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